

TOUR-6 JEWISH HERITAGE OF TURKEY.

Day-1 Arrival to Istanbul.

Upon your arrival at Istanbul airport our transfer man will be ready to meet and transfer you to your hotel. Time at leisure, stay overnight in Istanbul.

No meals.

Day-2 Jewish Districts of Istanbul.

After meeting with your guide at the hotel you will visit the Galata Tower in the Galata Region where you will enjoy a magnificent view of Istanbul. The Bosphorus, Marmara Sea and the Golden Horn can all be viewed from one point. We then continue to the Jewish Museum (open Monday to Thursdays between 10:00am & 16:00pm) in Karakoy Street just nearby the old Tunnel where you can see the example of Muslim and Jewish religions living in successful coexistence in Turkey. This special museum is unique in that it is the only museum in a Muslim country in the world. Continue on to the Neve Shalom Synagogue or the Ashkenazy Synagogue. After lunch, we drive to Balat where we will see the Star of David appearing on the facade of some of the buildings in the area and then to the Ahrida Synagogue which was built in 1412. After tour you will be returned to your hotel. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

Breakfast & Lunch.

Day-3 Highlights of Istanbul.

Today, we will explore some of the most famous landmarks and see why Istanbul is one of the most fascinating cities in the world, so enriched in history. We visit the world renowned Blue Mosque built in 1616, take note of the rare beauty of its Iznik tiles and six minarets. Hagia Sophia, built in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian is the largest and most magnificent church in the Christian world. After lunch, we go on to explore the worldly splendours of Topkapi Palace, overlooking the Bosphorus, which was the house of the Ottoman sultans for almost 400 years, one of the oldest and largest remaining palaces in the world. At the tour's end you will be transferred back to the hotel. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

Breakfast & Lunch.

Day-4 Istanbul-Izmir, Smyrna, Sardis.

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport to take a short flight to Izmir known in ancient times as Smyrna with a 400-year-old Jewish community. Upon your arrival we will visit the Beth Israel Synagogue which dates back from 220 B.C. Then drive to Sardis, the ancient capital of Lydia. Here you will find the remains of one of the world's oldest Synagogue, the Sardis Synagogue, first built in the 3rd century BC. After visits, we return to Izmir where you can enjoy a meal in the wonderful Kordon district offering the most delicious tastes of the Aegean. Stay overnight in Izmir.

Breakfast & Lunch.

Day-5 Ephesus and Temple of Artemis Ion.

After breakfast we will have a full day to explore the wonderful city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved cities of antiquity. It is also the site of the temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. You can stroll down the main marble road passing by Roman terrace houses, the library of Celsius and the baths to the theatre where Greek and Roman drama performances and classical concerts still take place today. Inside the Ephesus museum you will find many of the most precious relics uncovered in the ongoing excavations of the area now protected from the elements. After the tour we return to your hotel. Stay overnight in Izmir.

Breakfast & Lunch.

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Day-6 Izmir-Istanbul, fly home.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. Arrive in Istanbul and connect with your flight to home.

Breakfast.

Included Services:

- 5 Nights 4-5 Star hotel accommodation including breakfast.
- All admission fees to the visited sites.
- All sightseeing tours as described in the itinerary.
- Domestic flight tickets from Istanbul to Izmir and from Izmir to Istanbul.
- Exclusive services of English speaking tour guide thru the entire package in Turkey.
- Private airport transfers on arrival and on departure.
- Transportation by comfortable, air-conditioned, non smoking vehicle.
- All Taxes and service fees.

Not Included services:

- Any international flight.
- Drinks with meals.
- Tips to the guide and driver.
- Visa to Turkey. (If necessary)

DEPARTS EVERYDAY THRU THE YEAR.

PRICE (UNTILL 31-03-2010):

1098 EURO PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM.

1192 EURO IN SINGLE ROOM.

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